

Remarks

Applicant hereby elects to proceed with claims 1-10 and 23 – 32 in the above identified application. Claims 11-17 and 33-42 (Group II) and claims 18 – 22 and 43 – 47 (Group III) are hereby withdrawn from consideration.

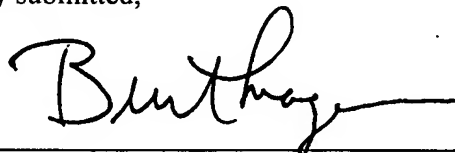
Based on the above amendments and these remarks, reconsideration of Claims 1-10 and 23 – 32 is respectfully requested.

The Examiner's prompt attention to this matter is greatly appreciated. Should further questions remain, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney by telephone.

Enclosed is a PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136 for extending the time to respond up to and including today, September 8, 2004.

The Commissioner is authorized to charge any underpayment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 501826 for any matter in connection with this response, including any fee for extension of time, which may be required.

Respectfully submitted,



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